

**LINCOLN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2013 – 5:30PM
LINCOLN TOWN HALL - 148 MAIN STREET, LINCOLN NH**

Board of Selectmen Present: Chairman O.J. Robinson, Patricia McTeague, and Tamra Ham.

Staff Present: Town Manager Butch Burbank, Police Chief Smith, Union Representative J.J. Bujeaud, and Administrative Assistant Brook Rose.

Public Present: Deanna Huot, Paul Beaudin, Pat Romprey, Jeff Meier, and Norman Belanger.

I. CALL TO ORDER

O.J. Robinson called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

II. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion: “To approve the meeting minutes of March 25, 2013 as amended.”

Motion: Tamra Ham Second: Patricia McTeague Motion carries.

The Board discussed a question from the Town of Woodstock pertaining to the recent Joint Board of Selectmen’s meeting minutes. The Board had made an edit to the minutes and then signed that copy of the minutes. The minutes were then posted on the Town of Lincoln’s website and both copies of the meeting minutes (original and amended/signed copy) were mailed back to the Town of Woodstock. The Town of Woodstock questioned why the edited version was signed without making the amendment known to them. Brook Rose will ask that the Town of Woodstock’s Administrative Assistant make the suggested amendment and then resend to the Town of Lincoln so that the Board can sign the officially amended copy.

III. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

North Country Center for the Arts (NCCA) Discussion re: request for tax exempt status

The Board discussed the report presented by the NCCA. They agreed that they would like to see NCCA’s budget on an annual basis. Tamra Ham stated that she would like to see the exemption granted for the 2013 taxes as long as NCCA pays the outstanding 2012 taxes. O.J. Robinson would like to abate at least the Town portion of the outstanding taxes. Paul Beaudin stated that he believes the Board should completely abate the outstanding taxes. Deanna Huot added that there is not another non-profit theater in the State of NH that pays taxes.

MOTION: “To approve the tax exempt status of the NCCA on condition that the exemption be reviewed annually per state statute.”

Motion: O.J. Robinson Second: Tamra Ham All in favor.

MOTION: “To waive the unpaid second half of NCCA’s tax bill that was due on December 28, 2012 in the amount of \$4,915 so long as it is legal to do so per state statute.”

Motion: O.J. Robinson Motion fails for lack of a second.

Patricia McTeague stated that she is willing to waive the town portion of the outstanding taxes. Town Manager Burbank will speak with Tax Collector Susan Whitman to see if granting an abatement to NCCA is even a possibility.

Town Manager's Report

Chenard Property Update

Town Manager Burbank informed the Board that Joe Chenard recently notified him that he has demolished two of the buildings on his property. Some progress is being made. Pat Romprey informed the Board that he just came from the Chenard property and a salvage inspector is currently at the property providing Mr. Chenard with an estimate for the scrap metal on his property.

Public Works Truck

Town Manager Burbank informed the Board that an issue has arisen over the past week pertaining to the old Public Works Director's truck being reassigned to the Fire Department. Mr. Burbank allowed the transfer of the truck to the Fire Department. The Town owns the vehicle and Mr. Burbank thought it would be put to good use at the Fire Department as they do not own a truck. He explained that Tamra Ham as well as a few others has expressed vehement opposition to this transfer. Tamra Ham stated that she is very opposed to giving the Fire Department this heavy duty truck that was designed for the Public Works Department. She is of the opinion that the Fire Department does not require such a heavy duty and expensive truck. She added that Town employees should be utilizing the retired cruiser for town travels. The Board asked that Mr. Burbank make the Fire Department aware that they are able to use the cruiser for town travel.

Paul Beaudin stated that he is strongly opposed to adding another vehicle to the Town. He added that if the Town's vehicles are still in good shape but are continually being upgraded, the Board may want to consider extending the life of these vehicles in the CIP to save taxpayer dollars. He added that this particular truck could go another 100,000 miles and is worth at least \$10,000. O.J. Robinson stated that he does not mind the Fire Chief having a town vehicle however this particular truck is equipped for heavy duty use by the Public Works Director not so much for business travel. The Board would like to sell this vehicle via sealed bid with a minimum bid amount.

IV. NON PUBLIC SESSION PURSUANT TO RSA 91:A:3II (c)

MOTION: "To enter non-public session pursuant to RSA 91 A:3II(c)."

Roll call vote: **O.J. Robinson voted yes**
 Patricia McTeague voted yes
 Tamra Ham voted yes

The Board entered non-public session at 6:04pm.

MOTION: "To re-enter public session."

Motion: Tamra Ham Second: Patricia McTeague All in favor.

The Board re-entered public session at 8:25pm.

Abatement Requests

MOTION: “To approve the abatement request of the Penguin Ski Club for property located at 41 Maple Street, parcel 114-017.”

Motion: Tamra Ham Second: Patricia McTeague All in favor.

MOTION: “To deny the abatement request of the Penguin Ski Club for property located on Maple Street, parcel 114-018.”

Motion: Tamra Ham Second: Patricia McTeague All in favor.

Update on Loon Mountain Bridge

Town Manager Burbank informed the Board that Primex has informed him that lighting is not an insurance requirement for the bridge. Having flags on the bridge is also not an insurance issue however the Town should have an agreement in place with Loon pertaining to the flags in the event that any issues should arise in the future.

Update on Lincoln Trucking and Excavating

Town Manager Burbank informed the Board that Lincoln Trucking and Excavating has not yet received approval for a driveway cut from the State of NH.

Update on JORI Properties

Town Manager Burbank informed the Board that he has spoken with both of the owners of JORI Properties and they fully intend to pay the taxes before the properties go to deed. There has been a lot of outside interest in these properties should they go to tax sale.

V. ADJOURNMENT

After reviewing the weekly payables and with no further business to attend to, the Board made the following motion.

MOTION: “To adjourn.”

Motion: O.J. Robinson Second: Patricia McTeague All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brook Rose

Approval Date ____/____/____

Chairman O.J. Robinson

Vice Chair Patricia McTeague

Selectman Tamra Ham